

The Colorado LEAP program is a federally funded, state-supervised, county-administered system and is designed to *assist* with your winter heating costs. The LEAP Program eligibility period runs from **November 1st through April 30th**.

LEAP is not intended to pay the entire cost of home heating. If you are applying for assistance continue to pay your home heating bill.

Eligibility requirement: - you *may* be eligible for LEAP assistance if:

- You are a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Colorado
- You pay heating fuel costs directly to an energy provider or pay the cost of heating your dwelling with your rent, or in addition to rent
- Your **gross** monthly household income falls within the guidelines set annually and posted no later than November 1st of each year. "Household" means the people who reside with you within your dwelling at which you reside and apply for assistance and for whom you as applicant have financial responsibility for. The maximum gross income is based on 150% of the federal poverty level as follows:

Household size	Maximum gross monthly household income
1	\$1,361
2	\$1,839
3	\$2,316
4	\$2,794
5	\$3,271
6	\$3,749
7	\$4,226
8	\$4,704
Each additional person	\$478

Some households who qualified for LEAP in the past will not qualify this year, even if their income has not changed. Prior years' LEAP payments were available to households below 185% of poverty, but this level has been decreased because of a reduction in federal funding. Elbert County residents can contact Elbert County Department of Human Services at 303-621-3149 for more information. You may also be eligible for Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC) funds through Colorado East Community Action Agency (CECAA) at 719-348-5303 or Douglas/Elbert Task Force at 303-688-1114. You can also call Elbert County Coalition for Outreach (ECCO) at 303-621-2599 for more resources.

